

HARDING BELIEVES PERMANENT TARIFF NOW IMPRACTICAL

President Will Demand
That Funding Bill
Be Enacted.

By ROBERT J. BENDER.
President Harding believes there is no vital need for permanent tariff legislation this session. This means that the emergency tariff act now in force will be continued by a resolution of both Houses until the next session can enact a measure better adapted to international conditions than would now be possible.

Apart from the peace treaty there are now only two major laws which the President wishes Congress to enact before it adjourns the present session—the measure which would grant Secretary Mellon full powers for handling foreign loans, and that to extend the authority of the War Finance Corporation so that it may purchase railway refunding securities accepted by the Director General of Railroads up to \$500,000,000.

There have been indications for some time that the administration would decide tariff legislation could go over until next session. As pointed out in these dispatches, the subject at Cleveland recently, the uncertain conditions of trade, exchange and international relations convinced the administration leaders that to enact permanent tariff legislation now would be dangerous. Senator Capper, in an interview with the United News, went so far as to declare that heavy tariff legislation might prove to be "a liability instead of an asset" for the party in power.

President Will Send Message.
It now remains to be seen what can be done about the grant of power in handling foreign loans and the railroad funding authority which Mr. Harding has previously asked of Congress, but which request, to date, has not been met. On these two questions the President is ready to make an issue if necessary between the legislative and executive branches of the government. He will send a special message to Congress in the near future on the subject of the railroad funding proposal, pointing out that the fund for this work, an "obligation" of the government, have been depleted to the point that powers must be granted the War Finance Corporation to continue it.

Discusses Unemployment.
Unemployment in relation to household interests was discussed yesterday by Mrs. Flora McDonald Thompson, at the first fall meeting of the Housekeeper's Alliance at the Green House, 1606 Twentieth street northwest. Dr. Newfield of the District Health Department addressed the meeting.

Rain and Chill Wind Lend Realism to Sham Warfare

Marines March Over Muddy Roads and,
Shivering, Encamp at Acquia Creek.
Accident Narrowly Averted.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Sept. 27.—Announcement of the first casualty list in connection with the march upon this city by the East Coast expeditionary forces of the Marine Corps was narrowly averted today, when the brakes on a huge supply truck became uncontrollable at the top of a steep incline near Palmyra and raced through the five-mile column of men and equipment.

Private Blair, driver of the runaway vehicle, remained at the wheel despite the fact that it had gained a speed of 60 miles an hour soon after the descent had begun, and, by skillful manipulation, avoided collision with any of the 5,000 men in the marching line or the 40 trucks in the supply and equipment train.

After reaching the bottom of the

FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN LONGER

Committee Plans to Give
Week to Educational
Drive in City.

Extension of the campaign for fire prevention from a single day to an entire week was decided upon by the committee on observation of the fire prevention day, October 10, which met in Fire Chief Watson's office yesterday.

Street cars will carry the opening message of the movement Saturday with placards bearing the slogan of the committee, "Fire Prevention Week Begins October 10—Clean Up Rubbish—Safety First."

Clergymen of the city have been asked to assist in the education of the people in their Sunday sermons and at other services held during the week. Witty but pointed appeals for observance of fire prevention rules will appear on 5,000 placards which will be printed for show windows, Ralph W. Lee and Charles Durr reported. Exercises in the public schools during the week are planned to post Washington's school children on fire prevention.

Church Fund Reaches \$9,150.

With checks from business men, bankers and church organizations, the \$20,000 fund for the elimination of the debt upon the Brightwood Park M. E. Church was swelled to \$9,150, according to reports made by the campaign committee at the close of the second day, during a dinner held in the Brightwood Community house last night.

The campaign was yesterday endorsed by the Methodist Union of the District and a check for \$100 was received from the treasurer of the organization. The campaign will continue throughout the week.

hill the derelict turned directly into the path of a passenger car occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. Garfield, of this city, but again quick thinking avoided almost certain casualty, when a detachment of the Fifth Regiment caught the truck and, after considerable effort, brought it to a standstill within a few feet of the passenger car.

Mad Makes "Wgn" Realistic.

Realistic war conditions were encountered by the warriors during their day's march over roads which were heavy with mud as the result of rain which fell during the night and the greater part of the day.

The thick, sticky mud furnished a problem for the artillery commanders, forcing them to lead their guns around a wide detour, which brought them into the city from the west over the old "U. S. ford" across the Rappahannock River.

The marching forces arrived at the outskirts of the city at 3 o'clock, where they were received by Mayor J. Garnett King, W. J. Ford, member of the city council, and Col. A. Bowering, veteran of the Stone Mountain battle.

Preceding the army were fifteen scouting planes and a squadron of Martin bombing planes, which will participate in the maneuvers.

The army immediately proceeded to the Fredericksburg fair grounds, where tents were pitched for the night. Tomorrow the march will be continued toward the Wilderness, where preparations will be begun for the maneuvers during the remainder of the week.

Captain Heavy Rain.

Under a steady downpour of rain and a shiver-producing breeze, which made sleeping almost impossible, the two regiments and the machine gun battalion, with their field escort equipment, camped last night at Acquia Creek.

Owing to the chilly air, Gen. Smedley Butler, commandant of the expeditionary forces, ordered the cooks of the outfits to prepare coffee at 3 o'clock this morning, as a means of routing the chills until reveille was sounded. During the serving of breakfast, the regimental bands alternated in the playing of lively tunes.

The head of the lengthy column of Marines began the march to this city at 7 o'clock this morning, with the rains which began during the night continuing.

The Third Battalion of the Fifth Marines, which was sent to Panama a month ago, reached New York several days ago, and is now en route to join the main column at this place.

Wedded at Rockville.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Sept. 27.—Miss Eva G. Brown, of Clarendon, Va., and Samuel Feldman, of New York, were among the couples married in Rockville yesterday, the Rev. P. Rowland Wagner, pastor of the Baptist Church, performing the ceremony at the parsonage.

CAPT. MINNIS GIVEN MILITARY FUNERAL BY MARINE CORPS

Aviators Accompany the
Body to Station at Quantico—Drop Flowers.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Sept. 27.—An impressive military funeral service was held by officers and men of the United States Marine Corps, at Quantico, Sunday afternoon, for Capt. John Minnis, a marine aviator, whose night flying practice resulted in his death Friday night. The service was held in the Duncan Club at Quantico Barracks, conducted by the post chaplain, the auditorium of the club being filled with service men.

Capt. Minnis fell to his death in the Potomac River, while dodging searchlights that were playing upon his Voight plane.

The casket, when placed in the Duncan Club, before the service, was draped in a large American flag and upon it was heaped beautiful flowers in profusion. Following the ceremony a military escort of officers and men of the Marine Corps accompanied the casket to the railroad station, where the remains were placed on an afternoon train for shipment to his home in Montgomery, Ala.

As the procession wound from the club house to the depot a formation of five aeroplanes circled continuously over the funeral march until the station was reached. At the station the planes elongated into a single line and the pilots of each machine dropped hundreds of flowers upon the coffin of their fellow-officer and flyer. This was repeated until the arrival of the train. Of all the many flowers dropped from the sky by the aviators, none of them strangely landed more than twelve feet from the body of the dead air pilot. As the train pulled in, the line of planes

went back into formation and hovered above until the train continued its journey, when they escorted it out of sight of the Marine Post.

Mrs. Laura Minnis and little Laura Minnis, wife and daughter of Capt. Minnis, accompanied the remains to Montgomery, where interment will be made. Capt. Minnis, with his family, resided in Fredericksburg for some time before moving to Quantico and he was known to a number of residents here.

What Congress Did Yesterday.

SENATE.

Proceedings of September 27.
Met at noon and recessed at 4:45 until noon today.
Minor amendments to tax revision bill considered on motion of Senator Penrose and many of them adopted, treaties and other matters being laid aside for the day.

TWO KILLED WHEN MAN RUNS AMUCK

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 27.—The steamship George Washington, arriving from Bremen, Cherbourg, and Southampton, brought word today of the tragic death of two of its steerage passengers, one an American citizen, the other a Pole, in the berth beneath Joseph Beck, was shot through the hand. The madman then turned his revolver on Emil Karl Kanet, thirty-one, an American, who was lying in a lower berth on the opposite side of the stateroom, and fired three shots, all the bullets taking effect.

Suchorski fled from the compartment and Joseph Beck pursued down a narrow passageway, firing as he ran. Returning to his berth, Joseph Beck loaded his revolver and committed suicide. Stewards found his lifeless body and that of Kanet when they rushed into the stateroom. Both were buried at sea.

Senator Underwood met to determine their attitude on the German, Austrian and Hungarian peace treaties, but sharp differences of opinion resulted in no definite conclusions.

Senator Harrison denied that former President Wilson is leading his influence to the fight against ratification of the new peace treaties.

Announcement was made that the committee which has been investigating the Ford-Newberry election controversy would make a report probably Thursday.

A resolution was introduced by Senator Borah calling upon the State Department for information regarding American participation in the reparations conferences, dates, etc.

Bills Introduced.

Townsend, Michigan.—To carry out the findings of the court of claims in the case of P. H. Andrews; also granting increased pension to John A. Ballenfield; also to correct the military record of Francis English and Aloose C. Shaskell.

New, Indiana.—Granting increased pension to John W. Thomas and Ida M. Loucks.

Colt, Rhode Island.—To remove the charge of desertion from the military record of John T. Goldsmith.

UNIVERSITY OF VA. TO HOLD FORMAL OPENING EXERCISE

Dr. Smith, of the Naval
Academy, Will Be Principal
Speaker.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Sept. 27.—Dr. Charles Alphonso Smith, head of the department of English at the United States Naval Academy, will be the principal speaker at the convocation exercises of the University of Virginia on Thursday, when the present session will be formally opened. Dr. Smith was for a number of years a member of the Virginia faculty.

According to figures from the office of the registrar, 1,583 students have enrolled thus far for the present session. This figure is an increase over the opening enrollment of last year, when co-education was instituted. The enrollment by departments is as follows: College, 575; education, 26; graduate, 48; engineering, 130; law, 229; medicine, 146.

\$242,537 ESTATE
LEFT TO CHILDREN

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 27.—Disposition of an estate valued at \$242,537, the will of Mrs. David B. Tennant, who died a few days ago in the home of her son-in-law, John Stewart Bryan, Richmond newspaper publisher, was probated today. The bulk of it is to be divided equally among her five children. Besides Mrs. Bryan, who was Miss Ann Tennant, the others are Mrs. Henry Fairfax, formerly of Loudoun County, now of Richmond; David B. Tennant, Jr., of Oakland, Loudoun County; Dr. Charles C. Tennant, of Charlottesville, and W. Brydon Tennant, a Richmond attorney.

Mrs. Tennant was the widow of a

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